

February 28, 2021

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

Last Friday was the end of the 2nd Trimester. It's hard to fathom we are two-thirds through the school year, however there is still plenty of work to do in the next three months. Teachers will begin working on report cards in the coming weeks and they will go home on Friday, March 12th.

I hope you were able to enjoy another weekend full of beautiful weather and have time to dive into the rest of this week's Rheemarks.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, March 1st:

- 3rd Trimester Begins
- Cohort A on campus from 12:15-3:00
- Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers
- Art & Kindness Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom Link](#))

Tuesday, March 2nd:

- Spirit Day – Read Across America: "Read my Shirt Day"
- Cohort A on campus from 12:15-3:00
- Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers
- Kids on the Run Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))

Wednesday, March 3rd:

- All students full distance learning
- Storytime Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))

Thursday, March 4th:

- Cohort B on campus from 12:15-3:00
- Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers
- Keep Calm & Dance On Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))
- Not in Our Town – Campolindo H.S. DEI (7:00-8:00PM [Link](#))

Friday, March 5th:

- Cohort B on campus from 12:15-3:00
- Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers
- Fun Fridays Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))

School News and Highlights

One District, One Book Finale: This past Thursday was the district celebration of Finding Langston. The evening included live readings of the last two chapters as well as poetry read by students from each of the schools. A big shout out to Rheem 3rd grader Sierra R. for her reading of "[Knoxville, Tennessee](#)" by Nikki Giovanni. Just like the poem itself, Sierra reminds the listener why summer is such a special season. Kudos Sierra for a job well done!!

“Evening with Moraga Rotary”–To Benefit Moraga Schools

“Evening with Moraga Rotary” is this coming Saturday, March 6th and the primary local beneficiary is the Moraga School District. They hope to raise \$15,000 for cameras at all three MSD elementary schools. Please click on the link below, no later than March 4th, to purchase an amazing surf and turf dinner on Saturday, March 6th. After you pick up your dinner, you can go home and eat, while watching a one-hour video of Moraga Rotary, where they discuss their projects, including MSD school safety.

<http://www.moragarotary.com/>

Campolindo H.S. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Group

Not In Our Town-Community Workshop to Create a New Moraga Mission Statement

All are welcome to a virtual Not In Our Town community workshop on March 2nd at 7:00pm to develop a mission statement that sets the tone in our town, aligns all community members around a common goal, and captures why Moraga is unique.

Click [here](#) to register in advance

The Last Word...

Last Wednesday I was very fortunate to listen to MEF's presentation of a "[Conversation with Leslie Odom, Jr.](#)" The students, staff and Mr. Odom were amazing and the conversation around diversity, inclusion and the arts was transformational. The five student panelists (2 from JM and 3 from Campo) asked poignant questions which elicited great insight from Mr. Odom. Some of my biggest takeaways from the event were:

- Mentors need to provide two essential things to their mentees: honesty and time.
- Real growth comes when we are willing to take risks. When an individual dares to be special, they must first give themselves permission to be bold and to fail. When we liberate ourselves to try something out, we find out how to trust ourselves.
- We learn from others how to do things our own way.
- Trust your parents to help make decisions. In doing so they will eventually trust you to make your own.
- Have a person in your life whose experiences can give you perspective.
- Communal experiences unify us. We are meant to live in community, to share and help one another. Getting together and feeling something is primal and how we're wired.
- We have "do overs" as long as we are alive.
- There is no failure, we either win or we learn.
- Your preparation for any moment and for who you meet says a great deal about them.

When asked by a student what they can do to make a difference, Mr. Odom said for us to "start with our own corner of the world. Our homes, classrooms, teams or bands...It starts with the people who are in direct contact with you...Whatever you want to see in the world, make sure you see in your own community."

Thank you to the [Moraga Education Foundation](#) and all of its donors for always being there for our children and for making a difference in our homes, classrooms, teams and bands. Your generosity and support truly do make a difference in our corner of the world.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan